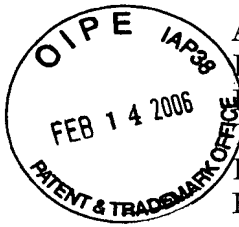


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application No. : 10/517,449 Confirmation No. : 8622
 First Named Inventor : Edmund SANDER
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 Title : Bearing Arrangement for at Least One Gearwheel

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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW ERRONEOUS NOTICE
 TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice to File Missing Requirements mailed December 19, 2005 in the above-identified patent application be withdrawn as based on Patent Office error. The required Declaration was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at the time of the initial filing of the Application on December 9, 2004. A copy of the (1) the return date-stamped post card and (2) the serial number return date stamped postcard evidencing the same are submitted herewith, along with a copy of the erroneous Notice dated December 19, 2005. We have also included a full copy of the application as filed on December 9, 2004 as a courtesy to the Patent Office.

Due to the evidence set forth above, the surcharge fee of \$130.00 is not required since the Declaration was timely filed with the original application on December 9, 2004.

For the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of this erroneous notice is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this submission or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is believed that no fees should be required for this submission. If any fees are required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 028987.55399US).

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 028987.55399US).

Respectfully submitted,

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Date Mailed: 12/19/2005

NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/09/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/09/2004
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/09/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/09/2004
- Priority Documents filed on 12/09/2004

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION,

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WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Translation of International Application (6 pages including 4 claims, and 1 page Abstract)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submission of Substitute Specification with Substitute Specification and Marked-up Copy Thereof		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three (3) Sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-4)		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executed Assignment with Recordation Form Cover Sheet (Form PTO-1595)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, PTO-1449 listing two references		
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- X Transmittal Letter to the United States D/O/EO/US (35 USC § 371)
- X Application Data Sheet
- X English Translation of International Application (6 pages including 4 claims, and 1 page Abstract)
- X Submission of Substitute Specification with Substitute Specification and Marked-up Copy Thereof
- X Three (3) Sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-4)
- X Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney
- X Preliminary Amendment
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- X Information Disclosure Statement, International Search Report, PTO-1449 listing two references
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